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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rechargeable lithium storage cell including a positive electrode,

whose electrochemically active material includes one or more oxides of a transition metal,

and a negative electrode, consisting of a conductive support and an active layer containing a

non-fluorinated polymeric binder and an electrochemically active material which is a mixed

oxide of lithium and titanium with the general formula $\text{Li}_x \text{Ti}_y O_4$ in which $0.8 \le x \le 1.4$ and

 $1.6 \le y \le 2.2$, in which storage cell said binder is a polymer containing no fluorine includes a

mixture of an elastomer and a cellulose compound.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 1 wherein said non-fluorinated

polymeric binder is soluble in water or capable of forming a stable emulsion in suspension

in water.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 3-1 wherein said elastomer is

selected from an-the group consisting of acrylonitrile/butadiene copolymer and a

styrene/butadiene copolymer.

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- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 3-1 wherein the proportion of said elastomer is from 30 wt% to 70 wt% of said binder.
- 6. (CANCELED)

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- 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 6-1 wherein said cellulose compound is carboxymethylcellulose.
- 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 6-1 wherein the proportion of said cellulose compound is from 30 wt% to 70 wt% of said binder.
- 9. (CANCELED)
- 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 9-1 wherein said binder includes a mixture of carboxymethylcellulose and an acrylonitrile/butadiene copolymer.
- 11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 9-1 wherein said binder includes a mixture of carboxymethylcellulose and a styrene/butadiene copolymer.

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12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 9-1 wherein the

proportion of said elastomer is from 30 wt% to 70 wt% of said binder and the proportion of

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said cellulose compound is from 30 wt% to 70 wt% of said binder.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 9-1 wherein the

proportion of said elastomer is from 50 wt% to 70 wt% of said binder and the proportion of

said cellulose compound is from 30 wt% to 50 wt% of said binder.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage cell claimed in claim 1 wherein the active material of

said positive electrode includes one or more oxides of a transition metal, selected from the

group consisting of vanadium oxide, lithium manganese oxide, lithium nickel oxide, lithium

cobalt oxide, and mixtures thereof.

15. (WITHDRAWN) A method of fabricating a storage cell as claimed in claim 1, including the

following steps for producing said negative electrode:

- placing said binder in the form of a solution or a dispersion in an aqueous solvent,

- adding said powdered active material and optional fabrication auxiliaries to said

solution or dispersion to form a paste,

- adjusting the viscosity of said paste with water,

- covering at least one face of said conductive support with paste to form said active

layer, and

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- drying and rolling said support covered with said active layer to obtain said electrode.

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